GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2115
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
UNEMPLOYMENT RATIO
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a)whether India`s unemployment ratio is one of the highest in developing countries of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to provide employment to educated and technically skilled persons particularly youths, women in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a) & b) No, Sir. Unemployment rates in selected developing & developed countries as reported in World Employment Report 2001 are given in the Annexure.

c) The Tenth Plan will focus on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it will be one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of the 10th Plan would lay emphasis on the rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A & B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2115 DUE FOR F ON 29.7.2002

Country	Year	Unemployment rate as % of Labour Force
India	2000	2.23
China	-	-
Japan	2000	4.9
Australia	1999	7.0
Malaysia	1999	3.4
France	1999	12.0
Germany	1999	8.7
Mexico	1999	2.0
Canada	1999	7.6
Israel	2000	8.3
Italy	1999	11.0
Korea	1999	6.3
Russia	1999	13.4
Singapore	1999	4.6
U.K	1999	6.0
U.S.A.	1999	4.2
Pakistan	2000	5.9
Sri Lanka	1998	10.6

Source: World Employment Report 2001